



Why don't you look in the closet... I heard Mom say whatever's in there would OPEN your eyes."

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

School is almost out and the weather is beginning to warm up, so it's really time to start thinking about traveling. At least some people are. Tourism is a major economic force and a meaningful human activity stimulating both international trade and understanding.

Americans generally do not travel around as much as other people. Only 48 per cent of all adults in this country take any business or holiday trips of more than 200 miles away from home in any one given year—and 52 per cent take none at all—about 1 per cent of the total population goes overseas. Last year 1,790,000 Americans went overseas, 5,800,000 went to Canada and 820,000 went to Mexico.

International travel, even more than international trade, is sensitive to economic uncertainty, political instability and a public mood of insecurity. I know this particular fact to be very true—so many people that have wanted to go to Europe—have told me—sometimes at the last few days before leaving that they've decided not to go because of this or that.

THE CRISIS over Cuba in which men stared eye-to-eye at the frightening thought of a nuclear exchange; the stock-market crash, when our over-worried economy staggered under the shock of a \$20.8 billion loss in security values in a single day that unleashed waves of panic-selling abroad; the strange, ruthless attack of Red China on an unprepared, unsuspecting India; the deadlock over the wall in Berlin; the slow, but steady rise of unemployment in the U. S.; the continuing unrest and lack of solution in the Congo; the deepening financial and political crisis within the United Nations; the bloody uproar over integration of Mississippi; the economic recession in Canada; the Anglo-French struggle over

the Common Market; the Moscow-Peking quarrel; and the deadly duel within France over the shaky independence of Algeria; these were only few of the forces and world events that unsettled world travel last year. In my personal opinion the biggest factor that makes people decide not to travel is "lack-of-money," a non-contagious national ailment.

LAST YEAR 198,597 New Yorkers obtained passports while only 910 residents of Wyoming applied for them. Californians were second with 137,070 passport applications. Another interesting aspect of the passport service concerns the occupation of the applicants (906,900 in 1962). Independent business and professional people numbered 261,070 while people involved in sports as a livelihood came up with a wee total of 670. A surprising second to the professional people were housewives with a total of 214,760—a little surprising because the housewife is not generally regarded as a traveler (only around the house).

Was very happy to learn that my painting instructor and head of the fine arts department of Long Beach State College in the '50s, Dr. John W. Olsen, made the front page of the metropolitan papers. He is now chairman of Orange State College's art department in Fullerton and no doubt had a hand in hiring the controversial artist, G. Ray Kerici, who begins in September.

KERICIU's contract as an assistant professor at the University of Mississippi was not renewed after he exhibited a number of works there last month. His works created a real "childish hassle" and they were ordered taken down. Currently on display in New York City, his work is drawing wide attention and commanding fancy prices.

One entitled "America the Beautiful" sold for \$1,500. Olsen described Kerici as a "Pop" painter because of his use of devices common to advertising art and the comic strips.

David L. Covey, machinist's mate fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Covey of 18526 St. Andrews Pl., was in the Pacific aboard the destroyer tender USS Piedmont while she was part of the Project Mercury recovery force this month.

West Basin Water Supply Under Study

M. E. Salsbury, flood control officer chief engineer, is conducting a study towards re-establishing a special water replenishment zone in the west basin of the county when it expires in 1964. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced. All portions of the following cities are included in the area which is called Zone II to distinguish it from a similar zone in southeast Los Angeles County: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Torrance, Gardena, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes

Estates, some unincorporated territory, and a small section of the city of Los Angeles. WITHIN THESE areas, a five cent tax per \$100 assessed valuation is levied to finance features of the flood control district's water conservation program which will benefit the communities involved. Funds have been devoted to the following categories: 1. Purchase of imported water for the barrier program along the west basin. 2. Construction of the west coast basin barrier project to halt further brine intrusion of

fresh water supplies along the coastline. 3. Investigation concerning the reclamation of waste waters by the flood control district at the hyperion plant at El Segundo. THE ZONE is part of the district's over-all program of water conservation designed to save and protect the county's dwindling water supplies, half of which comes from underground sources, Hahn said. Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow.—Emerson.

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